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LIGHTNING HITS SCHOOL, CHILDREN IN WILD PANIC, AS STORM SWEEPS CITY

Fear-Crazed Parents Mob Building at Forsyth and Stanton Streets.

THE SKY TURNS BLACK.

Mid-Afternoon as Dark as a Winter Evening During Downpour.

A thundering black electrical storm swooped over the city this afternoon, bringing with it darkness, panic and destruction which lasted for half an hour or more. The most serious trouble reported at Police Headquarters was a panic inside and outside of Public School No. 31 at Forsyth and Stanton streets, which was struck by lightning to the terror of a thousand children of the recreation classes which were in session inside.

That the panic of the children or of the fear-crazed parents who mobbed the building outside after the crash was not followed by an appalling disaster, of loss of life and injury, was due to the coolness of the principal, Miss Carrie O'Rourke, and her assistants and three Board of Health nurses—Miss Louise Becker, Irene Dyer and Mrs. W. Rogers and to Sgt. Gargan and nine reserves from the Eldridge street station. No injuries were reported.

The bolt struck the flagpole of the school building, which is on the Forsyth street side, at just ten minutes after 2 o'clock. The report was so sharp that people on the sidewalks staggered and grabbed their heads in their hands. The dazzling giant spark leaped down the flagpole to the street, bounded to the middle of the pavement, and to those who saw it seemed to bound eastward and disappear.

CROWDS OF PARENTS SWARM AROUND SCHOOL BUILDING.

From the crowded tenements the people poured to the street like bees out of a hive struck with a stone. Word passed from mouth to mouth that every child in the big school building had been struck dead. A great shout of laughter rose from the black mass of people and there was a rush for the doors of the building.

Meanwhile, whether it can be told—the janitor of the school who had been in the street when the bolt flashed down the side of the building, sending the spirit of the frightened mob outside, dashed in, swung to the iron gates and then locked the wooden doors themselves from the inside. His next step was to telephone to the police for the reserves.

Miss Becker, who had five hundred children playing "ninety-nine" on the ground floor, sent her assistants to the doors of the class rooms and blocked them against the panic-stricken rush of the youngsters. Miss Becker herself ran to the piano and began banging out "A Hot Time in the Old Town" with such force that her fingers ached for hours afterward and her throat burned with the strain of the way she shrieked the words. The children came running to her and joined in the chorus and the danger there was over.

SINGING RESUMED AS SOON AS THE STORM IS OVER.

On the second floor other assistants and the three nurses were leading five hundred more children in learning patriotic songs in English. The teachers were all at the platform at the front of the room when the lightning crash shook the building.

About half of the children went jumping, rolling and kicking down the stairs before they could be headed off. The other half were checked at the door and formed in line until Miss Becker telephoned up that the building was no longer in danger. Then the singing was resumed.

On the outside of the building Sergeant Gargan with his ninety men arrived just as screaming mob of thousands had smashed the locks on the school gates and were battering at the doors with clubs and bricks. The police forced their way through the frantic press and wedged the people back to the sidewalk and then out of the

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MOTHER BEAT HER 9-MONTHS-OLD BOY WITH BIG STICK

Boarder Also Abused Infant, and Neighbors Caused Arrest of Both.

"It hardly seems possible that a savage—even a beast—could have been so bloodthirstily cruel as the story of the witnesses tell these people were," said Magistrate Breen in Essex Market Court today when holding Michael Nega, twenty-four years old, and Mary Bartal, nineteen years old, the mother, both of No. 512 Fifth street, in \$500 bail each for trial in Special Sessions Court on a technical charge of assault for having unmercifully beaten a nine-months-old baby.

Agents Hyland and Cunningham of the Children's Society last night arrested the pair on warrants issued by Magistrate Kernehan.

Mrs. Josephine Kuchenska, who lives on the floor above the defendants, and has four children of her own, told the Court that she had taken the child to Dr. Slovich of No. 525 East Sixth street after the defendants had whipped it on Sunday, and that he had found it covered with bruises. A very officious from this doctor, alleged to verify these statements, was in the hands of Assistant District Attorney George Madala, but was not offered as evidence. Tessa Liska told of having seen the defendants whipping the boy with a stick, and of having seen Noga take the child by the throat, shake it as a cat would a mouse, and then which it head against the furniture.

Noga took the stand and said that jealousy prompted these people in causing her arrest and that of the mother. He said that the mother's sister was angry at him, and had put these people up to testifying against him.

Mary Bartal, the mother of the child, paid little or no attention to the child during the entire morning. While the complainant sat but a few feet away holding the baby she never even glanced in its direction. Little Frederick Bartal (it takes its mother's name) will be sent to the New York Foundling Society.

TRENTON VOTES 'COMMISSION'

Anti-Partisan Election Progresses Without a Ripple on Surface.

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 15.—This city voted today to elect five Commissioners to be in charge of the ten men who received the highest vote at the recent primary election. The voting progressed quietly. The Republican and Democratic party organization took no hand in the election, although a letter was sent out by the President of the Republican Club asking the members to give the Republican candidates the preference.

Of the candidates voted for, five are Republicans, four Democrats, and one a Socialist. Each elector was permitted to vote for five candidates. The polls will close at 7 P. M. and the successful five will inaugurate the commission form of government next Tuesday.

HILLTOPS HAVE BOUGHT FORT WAYNE'S GOOD PITCHER

The New York American Baseball Club has purchased the release of pitcher, Charles A. Hill, of the Fort Wayne, Indiana, Club. Hill has won eleven out of the last twelve games he has pitched.

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PENNY TRANSFERS ALL OVER THE CITY, RECEIVERS' PLAN

Third Avenue Road Opposes Suggestion From the Metropolitan.

FREE ONES CUT OFF.

Would Apply to All Points, Instead of Those Transferless Now.

Receivers Joline and Robinson of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company have proposed a universal "penny transfer" to Receiver Whitridge of the Third Avenue Railroad Company as the best solution of the whole transfer question relating to the surface railroads of Manhattan. Announcement of the proposal was made to an Evening World reporter by William D. Guthrie, counsel for the Third Avenue system, at the close of the hearing of the Public Service Commission upon its mandate of July 11 ordering the various surface companies to agree for "through routes and joint rates" by Aug. 10.

"We have not as yet accepted the proposal of Receivers Joline and Robinson, for the reason that we are of the opinion that the public as a whole would oppose the idea," said Mr. Guthrie. "Under its terms both the Third Avenue and the Metropolitan roads, which are now operated as separate systems, would abolish free transfers they are now giving at 165 points. The free points would become 'penny transfer' points, as well as 161 points where no transfers of any sort are being given. The advantage of the proposal is that the public would be provided with 316 'penny transfer' points instead of 168 free transfer points and 161 points where no transfers of any sort are given."

PENNY TRANSFERS TO TAKE PLACE OF FREE ONES.

Mr. Guthrie explained that the 168 free transfer points are located upon the two systems and are the points where each company is now compelled by law to give a free transfer. The lawyer was of the opinion that in accepting 168 free transfer points to gain 316 "penny transfer" points the public was nothing ahead.

"This was the opinion of Receiver Whitridge," he said. "Besides, the plan provided for another penny when a second transfer was given. Thus it would cost a cross-town line and seven cents to resume the journey upon the north and south line upon the other side of the city. The transfer proposal of Messrs. Joline and Robinson has not yet been made to the Public Service Commission."

The hearing before the commission was productive of an explosion from assemblyman Mark Goldberg against the proposed "joint rate" of 8 cents and to cents, which the legislator said meant no less than 3 cents for the first transfer and 2 cents additional for the second transfer. Before Mr. Goldberg got the floor Commissioner McCarrall had vainly tried to persuade him to hold off his remarks until Friday, at which date Mr. McCarrall said there would be another transfer hearing.

LAWMAKER TELLS BOARD THE PUBLIC OPPOSES IT.

"I very much prefer to make my remarks at this time, giving the Commission an opportunity to know how the public has received the proposed eight-cent and ten-cent fares," said Mr. Goldberg, taking the floor. "Of course the people of New York, particularly those living in my district, the Eighteenth Assembly, are by no means satisfied with the scheme emanating from the railroads and expressed in their answers to the commission stating their willingness to inaugurate eight and ten cent joint fares. It may be good for the railroads, but it is very bad and inefficient for the people."

"It seems strange to me that the railroad companies should be permitted to fool the public by appearing to offer something new. This eight and ten cent joint rate is not new. It is in operation at the present time. I do not think the companies should be permitted to try to fool the public, and I am sure that they are not fooling the Commission. Let the Commission order free transfers and then let the companies raise the issue of confiscation."

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OUT TO ARREST LYNCHERS WHO BURNED NEGRO

State Troopers Detailed to Assist Sheriff in Serving Warrants at Coatesville.

POLICE ARE ACCUSED.

Chief of Force Charged With Giving Negative Aid to Mob—One Officer a Leader.

COATESVILLE, Pa., Aug. 15.—The Chester County authorities engaged in investigating the lynching of the negro, Ezekiel Walker, here last Sunday night are ready to make arrests, and it is expected they will take into custody this afternoon a number of men suspected of having been leaders of the mob. A number of warrants have been issued for certain persons whose names are being withheld. Some of the warrants are in the name of "John Doe."

Capt. Wilhelm of Troop C, State police, and several county officials at noon went to the Newlin farm, where the lynching occurred, while Sheriff Golder remained here at police headquarters with a small detail of State troopers. There is also a detail of the State police on duty at one of the big iron mills in this borough. It is believed that some of the men to be arrested are employed in the mills.

One of the warrants is to be served on a policeman who is alleged to have been one of the leaders of the mob. The county authorities are withholding all information of their plans, and it is expected that whatever arrests are made probably will not be made known until the prisoners are safely landed in the Chester County Prison at West Chester, the county seat, twelve miles away.

POLICE OPENLY CHARGED WITH BACKING MOB.

Sensational charges implicating the police of this town in the lynching of Walker, followed a meeting of the Coatesville Borough authorities which lasted all last night and well into this morning. It is reported that at least one of the borough policemen took part in the lynching. There is talk of an investigation of the conduct of the Police Department tonight night. Richard D. Gibney, a member of the Borough Council and Chairman of the Police Committee, accuses Chief of Police Umstead of not doing his duty. He charges that the chief had been warned in ample time of the gathering of the mob to burn Walker at the stake, but he did not raise a hand to prevent it.

While the mob that followed the negro to the pyre on the farm half a mile from town numbered anywhere from 1,000 to 2,000, it is said that only about twenty-five men took an active part in the work of avenging Policeman Kline's death. One rumor is that an active participant, becoming frightened at the result of the mob's work and fearing a long prison sentence, has given all the names of the guilty on condition that he will not be prosecuted.

Despite reports of outbreaks and possible attacks by negroes, peace reigns in Coatesville and the surrounding country to-day. State police, mounted and on foot, are guarding the town, assisted by the town's small force of policemen. The troopers arrived here late last night, and an additional number came in to-day to relieve those on duty.

A report spread through Coatesville last night that during the night a band of negroes bent upon vengeance would march on the life home, take the body of the dead policeman to the outskirts of the town and burn it. While the authorities did not believe this would be done, they took precautionary measures and swore in fifteen firemen as special policemen, and these men guarded the life home all night. Within the house were the widow, her five children and several relatives.

MAHER BACK IN SADDLE AND WINS FEATURE RACE.

First Appearance of Yankee Jockey Since Stewards Suspended Him Last Week.

NOTTINGHAM, England, Aug. 15.—Danny Maher returned to the saddle to-day and signaled the occasion by winning the principal race of to-day's card, the Nottingham Breeders' Post Plate of £200, with Cap and Gown. The event was run at five furlongs straight. Maher was ordered suspended in England last week for riding that didn't satisfy the Stewards at the time.

Brooklyn Doctor Who Was Killed in Street by Racing Automobile



GERAGHTY REWEDS NEWPORT GIRL TO FOIL HER PARENTS

Chauffeur Has Priest Tie the Knot to Fortify Against Annulment.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Aug. 15.—No law yet devised by man to shatter love's young dream can step between the "Happy Jack" Geraghtys and their honeymoon happiness now. With a couple of the young husband's Springfield cousins for witnesses and the Rev. Father M. A. Kelly of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Michael as the binder of the knot the newlyweds from Newport were remarried here to-day.

Geraghty admitted that he had been considering the step ever since the first report became public that they stood in danger of having their marriage annulled because of their violation of the Connecticut law prohibiting the marriage of a girl under twenty-one years without her parents or guardians' consent. The ominous silence kept by the girl's family has agitated the young couple, and finally to-day they made Boston within the ten-day limit he had set for his trip to New York. He arranged his schedule to carry him as far as Buffalo to-day.

The choice of the Catholic Church for the second ceremony was in obedience to the wishes of Geraghty and his family. The young bride gladly complied with the wishes of her father-in-law, who had been in the city since the first report of the marriage. The ceremony was performed by Father Kelly and to the condition imposed by the mother church that all children born of the union shall be reared in the Catholic faith.

The witnesses to the second marriage were Miss Evelyn Harris and Joseph Harris, "Happy Jack's" cousins. Mrs. Geraghty wore a large black picture hat with a white willow plume, a new creation prepared for her by Springfield's millinery, but her dress was the same checked traveling gown in which she eloped from Newport and which is shown in the newspaper photographs. She is having a number of dresses made for her here, as her family have shown no intention to send her the trunk full of things left behind.

NO GIANT GAME TO-DAY.

Heavy showers at hour before game-time caused the postponement of to-day's game between the Phillies and the Giants. That leaves every club in the National League, excepting Brooklyn and Boston, idle for the day. HARTFORD, Conn., Aug. 15.—Left-Fielder Hugh Hugh of the Hartford Connecticut League ball team was sold to-day to the New York Nationals by James H. Clarke, owner of the Hartford Club. The price paid is not given.

AVIATOR ATWOOD ON SECOND STAGE OF 1,500-MILE TRIP

Leaves Chicago for Elkhart, Ind., and Expects to Be Here Monday.

(Special to The Evening World.) CHICAGO, Aug. 15.—With the expectation of making an uninterrupted flight to Elkhart, Indiana, on the second stage of his trip from St. Louis to New York and Boston, Harry S. Atwood, a record-breaking aviator, started his biplane from the lake front aviation grounds this afternoon. An immense assemblage had turned out to witness his departure.

Atwood said he would fly over the city until he got to South Chicago, when he probably would cut across the lower end of Lake Michigan into Indiana, pick out the Lake Shore tracks and follow them to Elkhart. The airship in which he made his trip from St. Louis yesterday was in perfect condition at the end of the flight last night, and needed only minor and technical tinkering for the start to-day.

Barring accidents Atwood figures that he can make Boston within the ten-day limit he had set for his trip to New York. He arranged his schedule to carry him as far as Buffalo to-day. This flight this afternoon was scheduled as from Chicago to Elkhart, Ind. Leaving Elkhart to-morrow morning, Atwood figured to make Toledo in the afternoon and Sandusky in the evening. Thursday is planned for the air voyage from Sandusky to Cleveland. Leaving Cleveland Friday morning, Atwood plans to reach Buffalo Friday afternoon and remain there over night.

HALF WAY ACROSS THIS STATE SATURDAY.

On Saturday he expects to get at least half way across New York State, and he anticipates no trouble, barring accidents, in reaching New York and landing at Governor's Island or Coney Island on Monday afternoon, seven days from St. Louis. Even should he not reach New York until Tuesday he will have two additional days for the trip to Boston within the ten-day limit. Atwood's managers anticipate that the trip will net him about \$5,000. He is flying for a \$5,000 prize offered by a Washington patent lawyer named Evans. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch paid him \$2,500 for his exhibition in that city, and he gets \$1,000 from the managers of the Chicago aviation meet for stopping here.

Other cities along the line have agreed to chip in. He will also get additional prizes upon reaching New York and Boston.

CHAUFFEUR ACCUSED OF SLAYING DOCTOR ON SPEEDY JOY RIDE

Police Arrest William H. Babcock, Driver for President of Steamship Line, for Crushing H. P. Bender to Death.

HIS COMPANIONS TELL OF ACCIDENT AND FLIGHT.

Brooklyn Physician Hit From Behind as He Alights From Trolley Car After Late Call.

William H. Babcock, chauffeur for William Hartfield, president of the Italian Navigation Company, was arrested at One Hundred and Fourteenth street and Broadway this afternoon by Central Office Detectives Tunney and Patt on a charge of being the driver of the speeding motor car that struck and killed Dr. Herman P. Bender in Brooklyn late last night.

Babcock refused to make any statement to the officers beyond denying that he was the man wanted. He was taken to the Williamsburg police station for examination.

Babcock's arrest was the result of a chance clue picked up by the detectives early to-day while working along Wiltonbury avenue, Brooklyn. At Gates avenue they came upon the information that five men had alighted from a large high powered motor car about midnight and entered a nearby saloon. In that saloon they learned in what direction the joy riders had gone after getting their drinks and they followed the scent. SCENT GROWS WARMER AS THEY LEARN NAME.

Nearer the scene of the fatality they found a young man, who told them he had seen the five men enter another saloon nearby and that he had heard one of them call a companion by the name Birmingham. From this saloon they were able to get the name Lawrence Birmingham of No. 1124 Halsey avenue. They found Birmingham at home and, according to the detectives, he readily admitted having been one of the party in the car that struck Dr. Bender. At first he denied knowledge of the chauffeur's name, but finally gave it as "Billy" Babcock and said he thought he kept the machine in a garage on Broadway near One Hundred and Fourteenth street.

At the garage the detectives were told to-day that Babcock had taken out the Hartfield car last evening and had not yet returned. They waited, and this afternoon their man drove in with the machine and was placed under arrest. CHAUFFEUR HAS FREQUENTLY BEEN JOY RIDING.

Babcock's employer, William Hartfield, lived at No. 448 Riverside Drive. The entire family is in Europe. The police say Babcock was not supposed to use the car during the owner's absence, but that he has frequently been out on joy rides.

Dr. Bender was getting off a street car within a block of his home, to which he was returning after bringing a new life into the world when he was instantly killed by a fast-going racing automobile. This was after 1 o'clock this morning, at Wiltonbury avenue and Broadway. Nearly every bone in his body was broken.

The chauffeur, whose head was barely visible above the long bonnet of the machine, hearing the horrified cries of the score or more spectators who witnessed the tragedy, threw on full speed and fled. A drag-net was quickly thrown out all over Brooklyn, and the policemen at the three bridges notified to be on the lookout for a long, low, dark gray racing automobile, with long body and covered with dust. But no trace of it was found. The only clue was the last two numbers of the automobile's license, 3 and 7.

The police learned that there were four men in the race. Policeman Harter, who was standing at the corner of Hart street, a block away, saw the automobile just before the accident. It was going 15 miles an hour at the time.